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## RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on 10/13/2009, to which a response with a one-month extension of time is due no later than 12/13/2009, Applicants submit this paper. Please consider the following remarks, **all of which are made without prejudice.** 

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.